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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the below claims as follows:

27. (Amended) The recrystallized lead alloy of claim 1 which consists of 0.73 wt. % Ca, 0.7 wt. % Sn with the balance being Pb;

said mass is in the form of a strip;

said strip is deformed in step a) by cold rolling at room temperature to achieve

a 40% reduction in thickness;

said lead alloy is annealed in step b) at a temperature of 270°C for 10 minutes;

the number of cycles is 3;

and said lead alloy is cooled to ambient temperature after completing said three cycles.

28. (Amended) The recrystallized lead alloy of claim 1 which consists of 0.65 wt. % Ca, 0.7 wt. % Sn and 0.3 wt. % Ag with the balance being Pb;

said mass is in the form of a strip;

said strip is deformed in step a) by cold rolling at room temperature to achieve

a 40% reduction in thickness;

said lead alloy is annealed in step b) at 250°C for 10 minutes;

the number of cycles is 2;

and said lead alloy is cooled to ambient temperature after completing said two cycles.

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29. (Amended) The recrystallized lead alloy of claim 1 which consists of 0.073 wt. % Ca, 1.4 wt. % Sn with the balance being Pb;

said mass is in the form of a strip;

said strip is deformed in step a) by cold rolling at room temperature to achieve

a 40% reduction in thickness;

said lead alloy is annealed in step b) at 250°C for 10 minutes;

the number of cycles is 2;

and said lead alloy is cooled to ambient temperature after completing said two

cycles.